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SUBJ: CONSTITUTION AMENDED TO ALLOW STROESSNER RE-ELECTION

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1. ON MARCH 10 THE 1967 CONSTITUTION WAS AMENDED TO PERMIT PRESIDENT STROESSNER'S RE-ELECTION IN 1978. A POPULARLY ELECTED CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, CONVOKED FOR THIS PURPOSE ON MARCH 2, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MEASURE. THE AMENDMENT REMOVES THE LIMITATION OF TWO FIVE-YEAR TERMS FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM ARTICLE 173 OF THE CONSTITUTION, AND NOW WOULD ALLOW UNLIMITED RE-ELECTIONS. AS THE ASSEMBLY WAS BOYCOTTED BY THE OPPOSITION PARTIES, ONLY THE RULING COLORADO PARTY WAS REPRESENTED.

2. THIS ACT COMPLETES THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROCESS, WHICH BEGAN OFFICIALLY IN JUNE 1976 WITH A RESOLUTION IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. PRESIDENT STROESSNER, WHO LAST MONTH WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE HAD NOT LIFTED A FINGER TO BRING ABOUT THE AMENDMENT, IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE CLOSING CEREMONIES OF THE ASSEMBLY TODAY.

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